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Y. P. LAY PLANS DECEMBER MEET

Yes, there will be a Midwinter Young People's Conference. The First Congregational Church of Oakland, assisted by other churches, will entertain it. It will begin the afternoon of Monday, December 28, and close following luncheon on Wednesday, December 30. The Committee on Arrangements has made rapid progress.

The theme of the conference will be: "Jesus, the Light of the World." Surely this dark world needs to see that light more clearly.

Rev. Sidney H. Buckham of San Mateo will be the director. The chaplain will be Rev. Ralph Conard of Alameda. The leading speaker of the conference, who will give four addresses, will be Professor George H. Williams, instructor in the History of Christianity at Pacific School of Religion and the Starr King School for the Ministry. The recreation director will be Rev. William W. Meyer of Fairfax. There will be other special speakers and conference groups with both adult and young people as leaders and counsellors.

The cost will be slightly higher than last year, but an excellent cateress will provide four meals for a total cost of $2.00. The registration will be 50 cents, a total of $2.50 if paid before December 22. After that date the registration will be increased by 25 cents. Entertainment on the Harvard Plan, i. e., lodging and breakfast, will be furnished by the churches.

The program committee consists of Ted Winslow, Virginia Phlegar, Virginia Piper, Miss Mae Baudin, Rev. Fred R. Morrow, Rev. Sidney H. Buckham, and Superintendent Gill. Full details will be given in the December "Pacific."

SCHOOLS IN THE E.M.C.

The Laymen's Commission of the Conference sponsored a school in the Every Member Canvass for the west Bay and Santa Clara Association districts at Palo Alto on Wednesday, October 28. Forty-eight people made reservations and 49 were present. Mr. Peirce Coombes of Redwood City presided. The women of the Palo Alto church served an excellent dinner. Six churches were represented by some of their leading workers. Mr. David H. Gill of Sacramento spoke and led the discussion on the "Technique of the Every Member Canvass." Mr. Harold Avery of Plymouth Church, Oakland, emphasized the necessity of maintaining our Christian work at a high level during these difficult days and expressed his faith that it could be done even in spite of other demands and high taxes. Film slides with a recording showing a model Every Member Canvass, prepared by the Missions Council, were shown.

Next issue will report a similar meeting at Antioch.

MISSIONARIES IN RESIDENCE

Many of the churches of northern California have been taking advantage of the presence of several of our missionaries who are here in educational work. Rev. C. A. Stanley has been in frequent demand. Mr. and Mrs. Albert C. Hausske have done a good deal of speaking, and now Miss Isabel Hemingway is giving such time as she can afford. Their addresses are as follows:

Rev. and Mrs. C. A. Stanley, 1675 Euclid Ave., Berkeley.

Rev. and Mrs. A. C. Hausske, 2441 Haste St., Berkeley.

Miss Isabel Hemingway, 2614 Dwight Way, Berkeley.

ANNUAL CONFERENCE RESOLUTIONS

JAPANESE EVACUATION

BE IT RESOLVED that the Congregational Conference of Northern California

1. Expresses its confidence in the integrity and loyalty of the large majority of our Japanese-American citizens, who with their elders, have cooperated with the authorities in what has been a most trying experience.

2. Commends the liberal and far-sighted policies adopted by the War Relocation Authority and trusts that its enlightened leaders will be able to carry out such plans as shall best contribute to preparing the Japanese for return to normal life in American communities.

3. Recommends that as soon as possible a policy for the wide dispersal of Japanese Americans, at least be inaugurated; believing that wide distribution of evacuees with opportunity for free enterprise is a sounder policy than mass segregation with controlled labor, as it fosters and maintains true Americanism, good morale, and diminishes the difficulty of reintegrating them into normal life after the war.

4. Views with great alarm all efforts such as the Anderson Bill and such movements as the "White America for White Americans," which aim to disfranchise Japanese and other American-born Orientals. This strikes at the very foundations of our American Commonwealth.

5. Opposes all efforts to exploit Japanese labor for selfish purposes.

6. Decries the agitation to debar all evacuees from returning after the war to their former homes, or the move to send them to Japan, as being contrary to those very principles of justice and freedom for which the nation is now fighting. We urge our churches to lead in creating a public sentiment favorable to their return.

7. Sends messages of greeting and assurances of continued fellowship to our ministers and their people who are in Reception and Relocation centers.

8. Sends to all Congregational Conferences outside the restricted areas copies of these resolutions, and urges them to create sentiment favorable to the relocation and reception of Japanese-Americans in communities in their jurisdiction.

TO OUR MEN IN THE SERVICE

The Conference sends greetings to the young people from the Congregational Christian fellowship who are in the armed service of their country and those who, for conscientious reasons, are in C. P. S. camps. During this time of separation from their homes and churches, we pray that the ties that bind us together may remain strong and we pray that each of these young people may be sustained in faithfulness to the highest ideals and personal integrity.

THE PEACE THAT IS TO COME

In a war-torn world we urge our people more sincerely to repent of personal and national sins, to seek to know and do God's will, to strengthen religion and the church to the end that we may be prepared to make every sacrifice necessary to achieve a new world order where brotherhood and cooperation shall promote just and lasting peace.

PROPOSED CHURCH UNION

We approve such overtures and contacts as would tend to advance the union of the Evangelical and Reformed churches and the Congregational-Christian churches of America.

CONDEMNING BARRIERS

Based upon our fundamental belief as Christians in the brotherhood of men, we condemn any attempt to divide the people of America on the line of racial or religious differences. We must practice and promote the ideals of religion and democracy now, condemning anti-Semitism and the false doctrines of "The Master Race" as practiced in America against Jews, Negroes, and other minorities, and recommend to our churches that they redouble their efforts to strengthen the common ground on which all men stand—the spiritual brotherhood in the eyes of God. As an earnest of this position, we suggest to our members that they urge the senators from California to do everything in their power to pass the anti-poll tax bill now.

TEMPERANCE

With full recognition of the evils of the liquor traffic which existed before the war and which have become greatly intensified since the war began, and with the selfishness and disregard of human welfare which promote such traffic, BE IT THEREFORE RESOLVED that this conference of Congregational and Christian churches take firm action in (1) recognition of temperance work and the abolishment of the evil by the W. C. T. U. and other organizations and (2) call the attention of appropriate state Conference committees to their responsibility in furthering education among children and young people.

SOCIAL PROBLEMS

BE IT RESOLVED, that this Conference express its confidence in the cooperation of all social agencies and churches in making an effective impact on common social problems. To that end we urge our churches to give leadership and help in local communities and in wider areas in approaches to issues of law enforcement and community betterment especially as related to our youth and service men.

OUR GERMAN BRETHREN

We recognize the presence among us at the Conference of ministers and representatives of a number of the churches of the German Congregational Conference. We heartily appreciate this fellowship and assure these friends that we hope for a continuation and deepening of this Christian comradeship.

WE THANK YOU

The Northern California Conference of Congregational Churches expresses its appreciation for the generous hospitality provided for us by the minister and people of Grace United Church, for the friendly cooperation of Trinity Center, and for the cooperation of the Police Department and the Convention and Tourist Bureau of San Francisco.

FRESNO, ZION. Rev. J. F. Reister of Elk Grove was guest speaker at the mission festival. This church has 38 boys in the Service, and they were honored on a recent Sunday evening when about 500 people were present. Rev. J. N. Sauer is pastor.

SAN FRANCISCO, CALVARY. Rev. V. B. Amirkhanian has adopted an interesting procedure in putting the outlines of his sermons in English on a blackboard, the sermons being delivered in Armenian.

CONFERENCE NOTES AND NEWS

It is utterly impossible to report the splendid addresses that were given and the devotional services that were conducted at the recent meeting of the State Conference. In other columns of this issue will be found the list of officers and committees that were elected, and the resolutions that were adopted.

The business of the conference consisted largely of the adoption of reports which had been mimeographed and distributed, and which showed the splendid activity carried on by the various departments of our work. One amendment to the By-Laws was adopted, which provides for automatic retirement of employees and salaried officials in accordance with the usual procedure of our various denominational agencies.

Invitations for next year's conference were extended by Fresno First and Oakland Plymouth, but decision as to date and place was left to the Board of Directors.

A well-earned promotion was given Mr. George B. Martin, who has been the Chairman of the Laymen's Commission for two years, and who was made the new Moderator. He will be assisted by a lay woman, Mrs. W. B. Buckham.

The paid registration of the conference was 426. Some of whom payment was made did not arrive, while others were present who did not register.

One of the most enjoyable features was the coming in on Sunday afternoon of 150 or more young people. At the final supper and session they seemed to fill half the dining room. This occasion was delightful because of the recognition of the service rendered by the former Field Secretary, Rev. Edwin T. Sherman. The young people presented him with a gold cross, and the Moderator of the Conference, Rev. Vere V. Loper, expressed the appreciation of the Conference and handed Mr. Sherman a substantial sum of money.

The Grace United Church, with its commodious building, did a splendid job in entertaining the conference, providing adequately for all of the sessions and the various groups as well as the displays of books, literature, and pictures.

The conference was honored to have as guests Miss Pattie Lee Coghill of the Board of Home Missions; Professor William C. Jones, member of the National Laymen's Commission; Superintendent Nelson C. Dreier of Southern California, Bishop James C. Baker of the Methodist Church, and Rev. Douglas Horton, Minister and Secretary of the General Council. All of them contributed largely to the thought and inspiration of the occasion.

THE SHUDERS IN SPOKANE

Friends of Rev. Harry A. Shuder, now chaplain in the United States Army with the rank of Major, will be interested to learn that he is now stationed at Baxter General Hospital, Spokane, Washington, having been recently transferred from the Letterman Hospital at the Presidio, San Francisco.

WANTED: A CHURCH FOR A BELL

Park Church, Berkeley, has an excellent church bell for which it has no further use. Any church interested in securing it should write promptly to Rev. Tom Watt, 1802 Fairview Street. If it is not taken by some chuch in the near future it will probably find its way to the national scrap heap.

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ON OUR WAY

Still the work goes on. After a little slip backward a month ago, our churches have again caught their breath and are showing their interest in the wider fellowship by the promptness of their remittances. Two months remain until the end of the apportionment year. We may testify to our belief that it is in times like these that the church should move forward, and money is a good medium by which to do it.

Church	Oct. 1942	Jan.11 to Oct.31,'42	Jan.11 to Oct.31,'41
Adin	$ 5.65	$ 17.12	$ 28.63
Alameda	.....	430.29	232.50
Alturas	9.84	36.58	12.05
Angels Camp	.....	115.00	114.50
Antioch	8.13	50.18	53.24
Auburn	10.00	113.07	80.00
Benicia	.....	30.00	30.00
Berkeley—			
Chinese	.....	.....	25.00
First	394.18	4,179.73	3,670.32
Kensington	.....	20.00	.....
North	45.70	392.55	384.27
Park	.....	47.80	51.92
Callahan	.....	.....	5.13
Campbell	.....	146.00	148.00
Cedarville	.....	65.00	100.00
Cloverdale	.....	49.20	52.47
Cotati	.....	86.65	55.03
Crockett	13.35	93.04	77.01
Etna	.....	5.32	6.85
Eureka	.....	304.90	286.90
Fairfax	.....	15.00	15.00
Ferndale	.....	307.89	266.26
Fresno—			
First	150.00	639.32	611.42
Japanese	.....	35.00	10.00
Pilgrim	.....	68.08	110.00
Zion	75.00	75.00	50.00
Glen Ellen	.....	.....	20.00
Guerneville	.....	.....	16.00
Hayfork	.....	.....	5.00
Hayward	50.00	200.00	150.00
Kenwood	12.85	18.95	3.00
Lodi, First	200.00	910.00	780.00
Loomis	.....	30.71	25.91
Martinez	83.34	330.50	335.00
Murphys	.....	81.00	81.00
Niles	.....	.....	8.70
Oakland—			
First	440.00	4,525.00	4,242.00
Fruitvale	15.00	45.00	40.28
Japanese	.....	10.00	.....
Pilgrim	3.00	36.17	34.69
Plymouth	80.57	718.05	662.82
Oroville	25.00	50.00	33.09
Pacific Grove	.....	135.49	178.88
Palo Alto	.....	1,003.85	558.50
Paradise	25.00	200.00	179.00
Parlier	.....	10.00	10.00
Penngrove	13.25	48.40	19.66
Pescadero	.....	5.00	2.50
Petaluma	153.40	520.67	488.88
Pittsburg	11.85	124.66	138.06
Port Chicago	.....	8.12	.....
Porterville	.....	160.00	280.00
Redwood City	205.66	728.61	649.41
Reedley	.....	.....	5.00
Rio Vista	.....	.....	112.50
Ripon	17.71	165.36	112.94
Sacramento	149.90	633.14	655.30
Salida	20.00	70.00	40.00
San Carlos	.....	76.40	47.74
San Francisco—			
Bethany, Msn. Pk.	.....	174.83	225.68
First	150.11	1,104.09	1,771.21
Ocean View	.....	65.00	60.00
Richmond	.....	75.00	75.00
San Jose	40.00	540.20	535.71
San Leandro, Broadmoor	.....	54.06	54.12
San Mateo	.....	595.72	700.39
San Rafael	.....	40.00	30.00
Santa Cruz	60.00	510.00	535.00
Santa Rosa	21.25	129.25	126.25
Saratoga	95.45	445.90	289.49
Sebastopol	20.00	122.27	153.42
Sonoma	39.71	116.02	89.20
Soquel	25.00	75.00	75.00
Stockton	42.93	427.17	507.40
Suisun	10.00	85.00	89.10
Sunnyvale	.....	37.50	44.17
Sunol	.....	.....	25.00
Tulare	.....	308.50	370.00
Weaverville	.....	122.00	75.00
Woodside	.....	30.00	34.00
Reno, Nevada	34.75	310.41	395.06
Miscellaneous and Individual	42.61	1,505.16	1,399.43
	$2,800.19	$25,040.88	$24,051.99

PLYMOUTH HOUSE

Plymouth House at the First Congregational Church, Berkeley, near the campus of the University of California, is finding that its program is affected by the war. To begin with the enrollment at the University is about 3000 less than a year ago. Furthermore, each student is required to take a defense course in addition to regular work, which leaves less time for activities, and the young people are therefore unwilling to assume positions of responsibility. However, there was a splendid three-day retreat with 56 attending, the largest that Plymouth House has ever had. This was held at the Barker home near Boulder Creek. An effort was made to analyze the place of Plymouth House in the church life, the war effort, and the campus program. A group is being organized of the unusually fine freshmen who have come to the House this year. The seminars conducted on Wednesday nights by Dr. Vere V. Loper on "Marriage in time of war" is being widely discussed on the campus, and items about them have appeared in the Daily Californian. Rev. Edward Reighard is the director of the House.

BRETHREN BELOVED

The editor of The Pacific deeply regrets the omission of two items which should have appeared in the October issue, having to do with the death of two of our beloved leaders:

Rev. Norman B. Henderson

passed away at his home in Fresno on September 3 after an illness of about two years. He was born in Canada 57 years ago. As a young man he was in newspaper work in Chicago. He was a graduate of Shurtleff College and the Rochester-Colgate Divinity School. During the first world war he was a lecturer in American army camps. Much of his active ministry was in the Baptist denomination, having been pastor in Chicago, Minneapolis, Madison (Wisconsin), Redlands (California), and Los Angeles. He came to our Fresno church in the autumn of 1929 from the First Baptist Church of Los Angeles, and at once took a place of leadership and high regard in our fellowship. He retired on account of ill health in September, 1940. Surviving him are his widow, Mrs. Betty Allen Henderson, two sons, Wallace and Norman, Jr., and two daughters, Mrs. Mary Barnard and Miss Sue Henderson.

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Rev. John H. Kimball

Following a meeting of the Conference Laymen's Commission, where he had made a remarkably fine report on the Durham Council, John H. Kimball passed away at his home in Berkeley early morning, September 13. Mr. Kimball was a native of New Hampshire and was 71 years of age. He was a graduate of Beloit College and of Yale Divinity School. He was pastor of churches in Sebastopol and San Mateo, and then assistant at the First Congregational Church, Berkeley. Nearly thirty years ago he became secretary to the mayor of Berkeley, and subsequently was secretary of the East Bay Municipal Utility District, continuing until his retirement a year and a half ago. Through all these years he was a most devoted and effective layman, and this last summer was a delegate to the General Council at Durham, N. H. Surviving him are his widow, Mrs. Estelle R. Kimball, his son, and a granddaughter.

SANTA ROSA, I AM HERE

John Michael Foster, having carefully chosen his parents, took up his residence with Mr. and Mrs. Gordon L. Foster at Santa Rosa on September 29, 1942. Just one month after his arrival his father became the Reverend Gordon L. Foster.

ORDINATION

An ecclesiastical council met with the Santa Rosa Church on October 29, consisting of a number of churches of the Redwood Empire and Bay Associations. Rev. Frank E. Boren of Kenwood called the council to order, and Rev. Thomas T. Giffen was elected moderator. Mr. Gordon L. Foster, whom the church had called as pastor, presented his credentials, the evidence of his examination by the Conference Committee on Ministerial Standing, and a remarkably clear statement of his faith and religious experience. An interesting period of oral examination followed, and it was voted that the council proceed to his ordination.

Rev. G. Arthur Casaday of Mill Valley Community Church read the Scripture and offered the invocation. Rev. John C. Bennett of Pacific School of Religion preached the ordination sermon. The candidate made his affirmations in response to questions propounded by Rev. James Muilenburg. The ordination prayer was offered by President Arthur Cushman McGiffert, Jr. Rev. Vere V. Loper of First Congregational Church, Berkeley, gave the charge to the candidate, and Superintendent Harley H. Gill the charge to the church. The right hand of fellowship was extended by Rev. Robert Inglis of Plymouth Church, Oakland.

The choir rendered a number of beautiful musical selections. The church showed its keen interest and its hospitality by splendid attendance, by the serving of a turkey dinner, and by lovely decorations.

CONFERENCE OFFICERS

Moderator: Mr. George B. Martin.
Assistant Moderator: Mrs. W. B. Buckham.
Registrar: Rev. Harley H. Gill.
Preacher for 1943: Rev. William M. Case.
Alternate Preacher: Rev. Robert Inglis.
Fraternal Delegate to Southern California: Rev. Harley H. Gill.
Visitors to Pacific School of Religion:
Rev. William W. Meyer, Rev. Gordon Foster, Rev. Edward Reighard.
Board of Directors (Class of 1945):
Rev. T. T. Giffen, Mr. George B. Martin, Rev. Vere V. Loper, Mr. Harold Avery, Major A. J. Watson, Rev. John H. Gregg, Mrs. LaVeta Byerrum.
(Class of 1944):
Rev. Pierson Parker, Rev. Sidney H. Buckham, Rev. Jason N. Pierce, Mrs. Torrance Phelps, Mrs. Scott Haymond, Rev. Wm. R. Steininger, Mr. E. B. Kientz.
(Class of 1943):
Rev. E. W. Benedict, Rev. A. R. Boone, Mr. George Moore, Jr., Rev. Augustine Jones, Mrs. E. V. Krick, Rev. Arthur L. Rice, Rev. Benjamin Kissler.
Committee on Ministerial Standing:
(Class of 1945):
Rev. H. J. Loken, Rev. Noel J. Breed, Rev. William R. Steininger.
(Class of 1944):
Rev. Stephen C. Peabody, Rev. Torrance Phelps, Rev. H. S. Davidson.
(Class of 1943):
Rev. Arthur L. Rice, Rev. James Muilenburg, Rev. Clarence Reidenbach, Rev. Pierson Parker.

THANKS!

The former Field Secretary of the Northern California Congregational Conference desires publicly to thank, through The Pacific, the young people of the state Pilgrim Fellowship for the beautiful and much prized gold cross presented to him at the state Conference banquet; and as sincerely to thank the adult Conference for the indication of appreciation in the presentation by vote of the Board of the new $100 bill. Both gifts are of intrinsic value, but the double gesture of appreciation and the words of presentation by Joanna Wilder, past state president of Pilgrim Fellowship, and by Dr. Vere V. Loper, moderator of the Conference, will also be treasured permanently.—Edwin T. Sherman.

SABOTAGE?

Following are significant quotations from the book, "Remember Pearl Harbor," written by Blake Clark, for 12 years Assistant Professor of English at the University of Hawaii:

" . . . Police Chief Gabrielson told me, 'There has not been one single act of sabotage committed by a Japanese.' Quite the contrary. They jumped in where all Americans jumped—into the line of blood donors, to the wheels of ambulances, to surgery as doctors, nurses, attendants. Many a soldier seriously wounded at Hickam Field owes his life to the swift work of keen Japanese volunteer surgeons."

"The crowd of blood donors was a thrilling mass response to the dastardly Japanese attack. This waiting line was an amazing thing . . . Japanese by the hundreds were there, many of them members of the Oahu Citizens for Home Defense Committee. Some older, alien Japanese were there, dressed in black, which they traditionally wear on occasions where respect is due. They stood in attitudes of infinite patience, waiting to register a silent protest with their blood."

DR. AND MRS. RIGGS HERE

Northern California is fortunate in having a brief visit by President and Mrs. Ernest W. Riggs of Anatolia College, Greece. Dr. Riggs will speak in our churches in Reno and Sacramento and at a mass meeting for American and Greek people in San Francisco. Mrs. Riggs will speak in our church and at a union service in Lodi, and in all probability in one of our San Francisco churches.

WELCOMED

Rev. and Mrs. William W. Meyer of Fairfax are happy parents of a son, James Christopher, born on October 12. The young man, who is named for his grandfather and not because he was born on Christopher Columbus' Day, has not yet announced his intention of entering the ministry, but our fellowship is glad to welcome him as "in care of the Association."

CALAVERAS COUNTY. In Murphy the young people's group held the Sunday Service while the pastor, Rev. John G. Dickey, was away at Conference, and did an excellent piece of work. The same was true at Angels Camp. In the rapid turnover of population, due to defense work, it is a constant problem to maintain a teaching staff in the Church School.

SALIDA. The women have filled their Social Welfare quota. There was a good attendance at Sunday School for promotion and rally day and at the church service on World Communion day. The two groups of the Pilgrim Fellowship young people had a joint dinner, welcoming new members and having officers installed. Rev. Jessie Getty Heath is pastor.

FAIRFAX. Rev. William W. Meyer is preaching a series of sermons in November and December on the "Parables of Jesus." An attractive news bulletin has been mimeographed showing the location of the church on a map of its vicinity and setting forth the various organizations and activities to which the people are invited.

SAN LEANDRO, BROADMOOR. A new organ has been installed and was dedicated on October 25 with a fine musical program and a large attendance. Two new floor furnaces have been secured for the social hall. Rev. J. H. McCartney is pastor.

SACRAMENTO, PIONEER. In the anniversary class of new members, there were 51 persons. Rev. Torrance Phelps is preaching a series of sermons on "The New Bible and the New Age."

MINISTERS AND CHURCHES ON THE JOB

SAN FRANCISCO, FIRST. Under the leadership of Mr. Lesley R. Jackson, religious education chairman, there has been a real gain in Sunday School enrollment and attendance. Automobile transportation has been provided for children from the Miraloma district. Mr. and Mrs. James Miller, from the San Anselmo theological seminary, have been secured as assistants. Rev. D. C. Williams, church news editor of the Chronicle, is conducting the Sunday morning Bible class at 10 o'clock. A splendid program of speakers appears at the Thursday midweek services. Among these we note the names of several of our pastors, including Robert W. Inglis, Godfrey Matthews and Tom Watt. Rev. Jason Noble Pierce, the pastor, has been using the same theme morning and evening, dealing with some problem of the inner life. His subjects have included such themes as: "Surpassing Our Best," "Don't Be Afraid," "Mental Health and Freedom," "Power Through Prayer" and "Fate or Freedom." At the close of the service a leaflet is distributed setting forth many of the practical thoughts embodied in the sermon, and a handy printed card is given out with several great affirmations, drawn largely from the Scriptures, which are to be read several times each day. There has been a wide response and a great interest.

PORTERVILLE. The social hall was filled to capacity on October 2 for a dinner served by the Pilgrim Fellowship members and their mothers. Rev. Charles A. Stanley gave an illustrated address on Chinese art, and the following Sunday he assisted the pastor, Rev. Willis L. Goldsmith, in the observance of Worldwide Communion. A volunteer crew gave the entire building a thorough house cleaning. More than a hundred San Joaquin women attended the Federation rally, listening with interest to addresses by Mrs. Scott Haymond and Miss Pattie Lee Coghill. Mrs. Goldsmith is president of the district for the coming year.

OAKLAND, PLYMOUTH. More than 100 men attended the five-dollar dinner sponsored by the merchants of the district for the benefit of Plymouth's Forward Movement Fund. An exceedingly interesting address was given by Professor Max Radin of the University of California. A stranger at the close of a service gave the minister, Rev. Robert Inglis, a check for more than fifty dollars to purchase Bibles to be presented to the men in the Service. A School of Christian Living opened on Tuesday, November 3, with Dr. Spencer Pollard giving a series of four lectures on the "Economic Aspects of a Just and Durable Peace."

ALAMEDA. A happy occasion in the life of this church was the Golden Wedding Anniversary of Mr. and Mrs. George Morris. Mr. Morris is the son of the first minister of the Alameda Church, who served from its organization in 1879 until 1884. The women of the Bay Association of the Federation were guests of the church on September 30. Rev. Ralph Conard, the pastor, has been giving a series of sermons on "The Lord's Prayer."

OAKLAND, FRUITVALE. The general theme for November is "Thanksgiving." Among the sermon subjects which will be used by Rev. J. B. Orr are: "The High Value of Being Grateful," "Our Spiritual Resources," and "God's Unspeakable Gift to Us."

EUREKA. The full $500 needed for improved accommodations of the Church School has been secured. Sixteen young men are already in the Service with the armed forces of the nation. Rev. C. H. Hudson, pastor, with several delegates was present at the state Conference.

SAN CARLOS. Sunday, October 25, marked a high point in the life of this church in the dedication of the rebuilt and enlarged edifice, which considerably more than doubles the floor space. Not only has the building been greatly enlarged,, but it has been refinished in a most attractive way. A lovely chancel has been built into the sanctuary and new pews and carpets installed. The dedication sermon was preached by Superintendent Harley H. Gill and the dedicatory prayer offered by the first pastor of the church, Rev. Reed B. Cherington. Greetings were brought by ministers of the churches of the peninsula and by former Field Secretary Sherman, who had led in the financial campaign. Immediately upon its completion the Sunday School taxed the capacity of the building. Already the church is looking forward to the day when it will be able to build the final unit which will complete the entire plant. Great credit for this achievement goes to Rev. and Mrs. H. J. Loken, because of whose energy, vision, and untiring labor the structure has become a reality and the church life maintained at a high point.

RIO VISTA. More than a hundred calls have been made by the pastor, Rev. E. T. Sherman, and his wife. Two hundred fifty persons were served with a chicken dinner at the annual harvest festival. The total profit from all departments of the festival amounted to $450. The young people presented a play entitled "Crossed Wires," and furnished music. The Pilgrim Fellowship is voting on preferences in subjects to be discussed at their meetings. The building is being repaired and plans are under way for an Every Member Canvass and the future program of the church. Five adults and three young people attended the state Conference.

FRESNO, FIRST. The Sunday evening forum opened its twentieth year with a strong program of speakers, including Julean Arnold, Dr. Seth B. Nicholson, Arthur W. Ponsford, and W. G. Paden. The four officers of the Pilgrim Fellowship conducted the morning worship during the absence of Rev. John H. Gregg at the state Conference, and fifteen members gave short talks during the sermon period. Thirteen women and the minister attended the fall rally meeting of the Federation at Porterville. The rooms used by the beginners department have been renovated and money is on hand to paint the downstairs rooms of the church.

SONOMA. Twelve young people are now banded together in a Pilgrim Fellowship. Eight attended the Lokoya summer conference, and six with their leader the rally at Sebastopol. A fund is being raised for renovating the manse. On a recent Sunday morning a large United States flag on a standard appeared, the gift of Mr. and Mrs. Daniel Ruggles in honor of their two sons in the Service. The church Service flag now bears twenty stars. Rev. E. W. Perry and family spent a few days during September on vacation.

BERKELEY, CHINESE. Rev. Ivan Y. Wong has arrived from Vancouver, B. C. and has taken charge of his church and parish. The attendance at the services and Sunday School have shown an encouraging increase, and the language school has the largest enrollment for some years past. Mrs. Wong is expected to join him in the immediate future after a visit with her relatives.

SUISUN. Rev. Henry Stauffer is serving this church as supply minister. He has been doing a great deal of parish visiting and is working with the membership on plans for a real church advance.

WOODSIDE. The formal dedication of the social, educational and recreational wing of the church and rededication of the enlarged sanctuary were held on Sunday, November 1. Supt. Harley H. Gill preached the sermon at the morning service. In the afternoon the social rooms were dedicated, with a number of ministers from nearby churches participating. A large number of Woodside people and neighboring friends were present at both services. A number of beautiful memorial gifts have been received, and the entire plant is out of debt. Already community organizations are making splendid use of the building, and the church life has been enlarged and enriched. With the improvements, Woodside can now boast a plant large enough for the activities of the church and as attractive as any in our smaller communities. Rev. and Mrs. Burton M. Palmer have worked untiringly and it is a joy to them and their friends to see their efforts crowned with success.

BERKELEY, FIRST. The first Sunday evening of October, the young people assembled for a banquet. This included high school, college, business and professional, and young married people's groups. More than 100 were present. A representative of each organization gave its keynote for the year. Rev. Edward Reighard presided. Service of worship led by Rev. Vere V. Loper, the pastor, and address by Professor J. S. Prentice of Middlebury College, Vermont, were broadcast over Station KRE. The Wednesday evening seminars are drawing a large number of interested participants. On World Communion Sunday, 35 new members were received into fellowship.

PALO ALTO. The Women's Association is renovating and beautifying the social and education wing of the church. New lighting is being installed and the walls will be tinted in fresh tones. Carpets are being bought for two of the larger rooms. The church was happy to entertain some forty-eight leaders from nearby Congregational churches in the School of Every Member Canvassers. Following the dinner a strong program was introduced. Under pressure at Stanford, the college group is meeting this year with the young adults in the Alden Club and finding it very profitable. Rev. Augustine Jones is the pastor.

HAYWARD. The men's club installed new doors in the church, both upstairs and down. A new class for high school young people is following a series of studies on "How to Read the Bible." The teacher, Mr. Ralph H. Anderson, and his wife came into membership from the First Church, Berkeley, recently. Mr. O. B. Paulsen, who has done so much for the beautification of the church and has built altars for other churches as well, was elected superintendent of the Union High School. Rev. Godfrey Matthews is pastor.

SANTA ROSA. Mrs. George A. McGregor of Fargo, N. D., a trained Sunday School worker, gave a course of instruction to the teachers who were installed on Rally Day. New altar cloths and banners, made by handblocking, brighten the beginners and junior rooms. The club rooms of the church have been freshly painted and refurnished. Rev. Gordon L. Foster is pastor.

TULARE. The pastor, Rev. Arthur L. Rice, and his family were welcomed after the summer's absence with a special dinner held in their honor. Attendance and interest are good. On a recent Sunday three young married couples, members of the Standish Club, united with the church.

OROVILLE. Rev. C. C. Champlin, who has been pastor of this church for nearly one and one-half years, comes to the end of the term for which he had agreed to remain, and concludes his work on the last Sunday of November. There was an earnest effort on the part of Oroville people to bring about a reconsideration, but the Champlins determined to make their home on the Champlin ranch at Sonoma, and to take life a bit easier. During the months in Oroville, the budget of the church has been greatly strengthened and the various departments have been reorganized and put on a stronger basis. Both of the Champlins' sons are in the Service—one in the Navy and one in the Army. The Champlins want to be at their home to receive the boys when the war is over.

REDWOOD CITY. The 80th anniversary of this church was commemorated on Sunday, November 1. Rev. Charles E. Ward, pastor, gave an address of welcome and the sermon was delivered by Rev. R. J. Currie, former pastor. Roy W. Cloud, executive secretary for the California Teachers' Association, presided at the anniversary dinner on Wednesday, November 4. Many representative members responded to toasts, Mr. C. M. Doxsee bringing his reminiscences of the 50th anniversary. Superintendent and Mrs. Gill were guests. Mrs. Peirce Coombes has been appointed war service chairman to co-ordinate the war work carried on by the women. Thirteen people attended the Every Member Canvass School at Palo Alto.

SOQUEL. Seventeen young people had a weekend conference at Rio Del Mar just before school opened, under the leadership of Rev. and Mrs. T. Davis Preston. A program of study, conference and fellowship was carried out. The young people's group conducted church service while the pastor was attending the state Conference. One young lady presided and several others presented a dramatization. Mr. Preston is giving counsel in the promotion of a community Sunday School at Aptos. He will give a series of talks on the problems of children and youth in war time to the local P.-T.A.

PESCADERO. After a number of months without religious leadership, arrangement has been made with Mr. Ralph Watkins, student of Pacific School of Religion and pastor of the Methodist Church at Half Moon Bay, to conduct services and assist with the Sunday School twice a month, and to speend two full days a month in parish work in the community. At a pot-luck dinner following a Sunday morning service, the people responded to Superintendent Gill's appeal and subscribed enough financial support to make this program possible.

SAN MATEO. Sixteen people were welcomed into membership on World Communion Day. Among the special speakers recently heard have been Miss Pattie Lee Coghill of the Board of Home Missions and Professor J. S. Prentice of Middlebury College. Rev. L. C. Fuqua, formerly of Nebraska and a member of this church, is conducting an adult class in the Church School. Rev. Sidney H. Buckham is pastor.

CEDARVILLE. After two months of waiting, this church now has a pastor, at least for the time being. Rev. Stewart Locke, formerly of Auburn, has been released by his doctor for service to one of our churches, and with Mrs. Locke, he has gone to Cedarville, where they are located in the parsonage and beginning work. During the interim, the Rev. Mr. Westervelt, who lives in the community, conducted services.

WOMEN'S FEDERATION NEWS

Edited by Miss Helen M. Perkins

The regular monthly meeting of the Federation will be held as usual on Thursday, November 19, in the First Congregational Church, Oakland.

WOMEN AT THE CONFERENCE

October 16, 17, and 18, the women of the Federation met with the Northern California Conference, of which they are a part. The only separate meetings held by the women were the Luncheon on Saturday, and the Sundav morning group. Transportation difficulties, of which we have heard much and shall hear more, made the luncheon attendance, to which our women have always looked forward with so much pleasure, much smaller than usual. However, we were glad to note that a larger percentage than usual realized how much could be gained from all the Conference meetings, so that there was not the scattering of the women after the luncheon that there has sometimes been. As the general Conference meetings will be reported elsewhere, this column will deal only with the specifically women's portion of the Conference.

About one hundred and fifty women sat down to the carefully prepared luncheon in the Social Hall of the church. Not only was it bountiful and good, but we all commented on the skill with which it was served, with the least possible confusion or delay. The women of the hostess churches must be accustomed to serving large numbers of hungry people. Mrs. Donald F. Gaylord, who presided, introduced to us first Miss Isabel Hemingway, lately arrived on the "Gripsholm" from the Eastern war zone. This was a surprise, and a delightful one. Miss Hemingway spoke very briefly of Taiku Hospital which for so long was one of our Thank Offering projects. She said smilingly that it was probably because Taiku Hospital is small that the Japanese allowed it to continue to function. The work was carried on from day to day, no one knowing how long it might continue. Now, however, it has been taken over by the Japanese-ruled government. After Miss Hemingway had spoken, we were told that the hospital had been founded by her physician father. Her talk was all too short, but we were glad to know that Miss Hemingway will give us other opportunities to hear her. She speaks the first week of November at First Church, Oakland, and at the Broadmoor Church, San Leandro, at their Thank Offering service. Probably other churches, also, are securing her help.

We had been looking for a long time to hearing Miss Pattie Lee Coghill. Once before we had expected to hear her and had been disappointed, and now (due to transportation difficulties, again), her train from the south was late and we had begun to wonder if the disappointment were to be repeated. Fortunately it was not, and she took us with her, far away from San Francisco, to our Southeast, particularly Georgia and its neighbor states, where the travel difficulties are not manmade, but of Nature's doing. She showed us the "little white churches" of the South, the hospitals, so pitifully few for the needs, and the schools. "Pleasant Hill" was a familiar sound in our ears. She told us of her experiences in making friends with the people, for whom fellowship means so much, but who are so shut away from outside contact. In particular she told us of one little community to which she had gone with two companions, where the good people were at first much concerned lest their visitors should be women preachers, of whom the community did not approve. Reassured on that score, the minister grudgingly introduced them to his flock as "three strange women" to whom the people might listen if they wished. It spoke volumes for the tact and ability of Miss Coghill that at the end, the same man referred to them as "Sisters" and expressed the hope that they would make other visits.

The Women's Group Sunday morning heard Mrs. Albert C. Hausske speak out of the experience of twenty-one years in North China—the same region in which Miss Hemingway's work had lain. But it was not so much her long experience and familiarity with the work, as it was her eager enthusiasm, that held us. Her especial interest, aside from the regular Mission duties, was in teaching child care and home nutrition. When she told of taking care of the feeding of four thousand little refugees from the 1939 flood, or of providing for the making of six hundred quilts in ten days, for others, she made it seem not merely valuable, but joyous. She was herself, later, a refugee in Tientsin, and had put in her time carrying on a Mother's Club. She had to make her own course and collect her own materials. She won the confidence of the mothers, because the directions she gave them worked. She made the mothers child-conscious. It became so helpful, that she had had pamphlets printed giving outlines of the course and sent into the rural districts. One mother wrote that she had saved her child's life by following the directions, and asked for more. The club made no distinction in class: rich or poor, Buddhist or not, all were welcome, and there were no religious requirements. Said Mrs. Hausske: "If my religion did not stick out all over me, it was a failure."

One method of work carried on in North China until the Japanese took over, she called the "Little Teacher" method. Each mission station was a hub of a wheel of which the spokes extended into the surrounding country. At the stations, Institutes were held with a well-rounded program, put into very simple language. Reading, using the simplified adapted characters which Jimmie Yen had worked out, was taught. Then these women scattered to their homes, and each one, sitting down by one of the village women, would teach her. That one would take her turn at teaching another, and so the work spread. In closing, Mrs. Hausske emphasized the worthwhileness of the mission enterprise and urged us to consider that the work was just beginning, not ended by the war.

One part of the general sessions I should like to mention because it concerns that "Children's Project" which is part of our Thank Offering responsibility. At the Sunday morning church service, the Children's Choir marched sedately in behind the older choir members, took their places behind the pulpit, (some of them so tiny that they were entirely eclipsed by the choir rail) sang sweetly, led by a young seventeen-year-old girl, and marched sedately out again. That Children's Choir is part of the uplifting influence with which Miss Alice English is surrounding the little ones of the district, and in which we are privileged to have a share, through the Thank Offerings which we bring in this month.

"THEIR HERITAGE"

Parents, teachers of children, Church School superintendents, and ministers will welcome a new little book by Florence M. Taylor, "Their Rightful Heritage," published by the Pilgrim Press and selling for one dollar. It is a textbook in the Second Series Courses of the Standard Leadership Curriculum, but it is almost indispensable in helping parents to think through and clarify their own religious philosophy, to relate this to their children, to the life and activities of the church, and to create a vital religious interest and experience in the lives of their children. It is psychologically and educationally sound, but it is written in simple language and its suggestions are exceedingly practical. It will be of especial value as correlative reading by individuals and groups that are using the outlines which have been prepared by the Committee on Religion in the Home.

ADDITIONAL NEWS FROM CHURCHES

SANTA CRUZ. Rev. H. S. Mahood, the pastor, and Mrs. Mahood presented a beautiful communion table to the church. Their son, Leland, was granted a license to preach, at the special meeting of the Santa Clara Association, held in connection with the State Conference. He is a student at Whittier College and expects to enter Yale Divinity School. Members of the Business and Professional Women's Club attended service on one Sunday recently, and on another the Live Oak Grange were in attendance.

BERKELEY, PARK. The church has been made headquarters for Red Cross programs. An emergency hospital unit has been established and equipped in one of the church rooms. On World Communion Sunday two infants were baptized, both from families of the young adult group. Rev. Tom Watt, the minister, delivered an appropriate sermon to a visiting group of Girl Scouts on Girl Scout Sunday.

LODI, FIRST. More members and friends are making their way daily to the church and the beautiful new worship center. Two Boy Scout troops have their meetings in the church hall. Mr. Lowell Mason Knapp, who has given 35 years to sacred music, is the new choir director. The pastor, Rev. A. R. Boone, and five other persons attended the state Conference.

PORT CHICAGO. Twenty-one leading men turned out for the second community brotherhood monthly dinner. Soldiers from Camp Stoneman entertained. The floor of the new social hall was sanded and the main room is now almost finished, with shades hung and trimming painted. The Pilgrim Fellowship sent two young people to the state Conference. Mr. Sherwood Wirt is pastor.

ANTIOCH. Members of this church continue to furnish leadership for the Service Men's center, which cares for many hundreds of young men from Camp Stoneman. A gift of 150 hymnals has come to the church from the First Congregational Church of Palo Alto. Rev. William R. Steininger is pastor.

LOLETA. Under the leadership of Rev. Robert B. Whitaker of Ferndale, regular Sunday School sessions are being held on Sunday afternoons. Mr. Whitaker is assisted by Mrs. Whitaker and their daughter, Faith. Attendance has run as high as thirty-seven.

RIPON. The twenty-fifth anniversary of the erection of the first unit of the church building was held the week following the state Conference. Rev. Douglas Horton, minister of the General Council, was speaker at the anniversary dinner. Sunday, October 25, was observed as home coming day with anniversary sermon by the pastor, Rev. A. C. Hacke. In the afternoon there was service for historical and reminiscent incidents, with music by a pioneer choir.

BENICIA. Thirty-one local young people attended a youth banquet on October 10, when there were some visitors from Martinez and adults present. The high school group has increased in size and the Sunday School attendance has shown a real gain. The church has purchased a new electric organ, which will add very much to the services of worship. Rev. Isaac Fleming is pastor and Miss Grace Kendrick, director of education and social activities.

GUERNEVILLE. Over seventy persons attended the potluck church dinner, when plans were discussed for the new year. It is expected that the church will be redecorated sometime in the not distant future. Attendance at services of worship has increased. Guerneville was represented at the Women's Federation at Sebastopol, at the State Conference, and at the ordination service in Santa Rosa. Mr. Alfred Paul Focht is pastor.

SARATOGA. Drainage and paving of the cloister is being cared for and grading about the building has been done. Funds for furnishings are coming in. All obligations are cared for except that to the Building Society. Rev. Fred R. Morrow is pastor.

OAKLAND, PILGRIM. Wire screens are being installed to cover windows on the rear of the church. The front of the building is being remodeled. Many of the men of the church are in the war or war work. Rev. Harvey V. Miller is pastor.

OAKLAND, FIRST. On World Communion Sunday sixteen new members were received into the church. On October 7th Rev. Clarence Reidenbach began his fall series of Bible lectures on Wednesday mornings at eleven o'clock. His theme is "Great Sayings of Paul."

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